

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pels.

Claims 1-3 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ludanek in view of Le Van. These rejections are now moot in view of the present amendment.

Claims 2-4 have been amended such that these claims depend from what should now be an allowed independent claim 5 and therefore, claims 2-4 should be allowed.

Claim 10 has been amended to include the feature recited in claim 5 and based on the Examiner's finding that claim 5 contained allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10, as amended, should be allowed for the same reasons as to why claim 5 should be allowed. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 10 are earnestly solicited.

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If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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